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"(*b*) & (*c*) Government do not consider it necessary to place the matter before the Houses of the Legislature.

" (*d*) The question does not arise."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" May I know what time will it take to pass final orders?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" It is not a question of passing orders at all. It is a question of calling for information, and when once Government are in full possession of the information, Government may decide afterwards to do what all that may be necessary in the matter. It does not necessarily mean that all enquiries should always be followed by a Government Order."

Failure of monsoon in South Arcot and proposal, if any, to grant suitable land revenue remission.

* 132 *Q.*—SRI R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: " Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a major portion of the district of South Arcot has been much affected by the failure of the seasonal monsoon and distress prevails in consequence thereof;

(*b*) whether any detailed report has been called for from the Collector of South Arcot touching the distress;

(*c*) whether any instruction has been issued by the Government or the Board of Revenue for the inspection of the fields on a larger scale in villages affected by the distress with a view to grant remissions in a suitable manner;

(*d*) whether instructions have been or intended to be given not to insist on applications by pattadars to grant remissions; and

(*e*) whether, in view of the failure of the monsoon, there is any proposal to postpone payment of kist by a few months?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM.:—" (*a*) The Government understand that seasonal conditions in the district are not satisfactory and that want of rain is keenly felt throughout the district.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No such instructions have been issued by the Government. Board's Standing Order No. 14-1 provides for field inspection as soon as the unfavourable character of the season has declared itself.

" (*e*) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government. Postponement of kist within the fasli does not require the sanction of Government."